

PHARMACIST LICENSURE BY LICENSE TRANSFER/RECIPROCITY IN MINNESOTA

Please click on the following link to review the licensure transfer requirements in MN Rule 6800.1300: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=6800.1300>.

To be found eligible for consideration by the Board:

A. an applicant, if examined and licensed before January 1, 1973, shall show that the applicant has acquired 2,080 hours of practical pharmacy experience under the instruction of a licensed pharmacist;

B. an applicant, if examined and licensed between January 1, 1973 and May 1, 2003, shall show that the applicant has acquired 1,500 hours of practical pharmacy experience under the instruction of a licensed pharmacist, to be acquired after the successful completion of the third year of the standard five-year or six-year pharmacy curriculum, 400 hours of which may be acquired concurrently with college attendance, in clinical pharmacy programs, or in demonstration projects which have been approved by the Tripartite Committee on Internship and the Board of the active member state from which the applicant applies; and

C. an applicant, if examined and licensed after May 1, 2003, shall show that the applicant has acquired 1,600 hours of practical pharmacy experience under the instruction of a licensed pharmacist, to be acquired after the successful completion of the third year of the standard five-year or six-year pharmacy curriculum, 400 hours of which may be acquired concurrently with college attendance, in clinical pharmacy programs, or in demonstration projects which have been approved by the Tripartite Committee on Internship and the Board of the active member state from which the applicant applies.

Defects in internship experience will not preclude an applicant from being considered eligible provided that the applicant has practiced as a licensed pharmacist for one year, plus one week at 40 hours per week for each week or portion of a week that the applicant is deficient in internship experience, for example, the number of weeks the applicant has practiced as a licensed pharmacist before applying for license transfer/reciprocity must be equal to or greater than the number of weeks or portions of weeks that the applicant is deficient in internship experience.

The Board may compel applicants who have not engaged in practice as a licensed pharmacist for the immediate two years preceding the time of filing of their application for license transfer/reciprocity to sit for the NAPLEX examination.

Applicants for license transfer/reciprocity shall be required to display their familiarity with the laws regulating the practice of pharmacy in Minnesota taking and passing the Minnesota version of the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) that is administered by NABP.

An applicant who has failed to successfully pass the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy law examination shall not be eligible for licensure by license transfer/reciprocity.

Effective November 16, 2005, the Board eliminated the requirement that a pharmacist applying for licensure in Minnesota by transfer/reciprocity needs to maintain their license by original examination. However, they need to have a license, in good standing; from a National

Association of Boards of Pharmacy member board and they need to accomplish the license transfer/reciprocity through the NABP Clearinghouse.

LICENSE TRANSFER/RECIPROCITY STANDARDS:

Please click on the following link for the standards in MN Rule 6800.5500:
<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=6800.5500>.

LICENSE TRANSFER/RECIPROCITY EXAMINATION:

The license transfer/reciprocity is the MPJE, a computerized examination in state and federal law. This examination is described in the booklet you can download from NABP's web site at www.nabp.net.

The "NABP Preliminary Application for License Transfer" must be completed and sent to NABP, 1600 Feehanville Drive, Mount Prospect, IL 60056, along with the fee. Candidates should note that it takes approximately four to six weeks for applications to be processed by NABP. NABP has a policy that the preliminary application is only good for 90 days.

NABP will send you the Official Application for the Minnesota Board. Please complete the Official Application and send it to the Minnesota Board, along with the required fee and a notarized copy of your official birth certificate issued by a federal, state, or county Department of Vital Statistics. Please go to www.nabp.net and apply for the MPJE examination. [Candidates see MN Rules 6800.1300 and 6800.5500 (above) to determine eligibility to transfer their license.] The entire license transfer/reciprocity process needs to be completed within 18 months or you will need to begin the process all over again.

Pharmacists licensed in another state may not work as pharmacists in Minnesota prior to licensure. In the interim, a candidate may work in the field of pharmacy if he/she registers as a pharmacist-intern and works in that capacity under the direct supervision of a Minnesota registered preceptor. Requests may be made to the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy for the "Application for Internship Registration." The Minnesota Board does not issue a "temporary permit" to work as a pharmacist.